

Harkness, Ned M 75

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 12-22-75

FULL NAME Ned M. HARKNESS
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)
ADDRESS 21995 BOSCHOME RD.
CITY LAKE ZURICH STATE ILLINOIS ZIP CODE 60047
DATE OF BIRTH 11/16/31 (This is important and should be exact)
APPROXIMATE AGE (44) 44 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)
RELIGION EPISCOPALIAN AT ST SIMONS EPISCOPAL church NATIONALITY German, Scotch Descent
OCCUPATION Self Employed - MANUFACTURERS AGENT FOR HARD SALES
(Electrical lighting & marine products)
EDUCATION BABSON College, MASSACHUSETTS Bachelor in Business Admin
+ Grad. work.
WEIGHT 185 COLOR White HEIGHT 6'1"
COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Grey Blue
OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS wears glasses, slightly bending standing
MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN (By marriage) 4 21, 18, 17, 16
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)
WIFE'S NAME Elizabeth Jean Marge John
Marianne
Paul
SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:
UNIT # TROOP 34 CITY ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL. STATE Ill. OFFICE Scoutmaster DATE REGISTERED 1-1-75 DATE RESIGNED 1-1-75

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Wood Badge, Virginia, 15 years

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

- ☐ CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT ☒ SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS
☐ OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW) ☐ UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE
AND LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Supporting documents mailed to National Registration Service.

Signed Arthur J. Allen
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council 14th Dist. Council "751"

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December 31, 1975

Mr. Arthur J. Allen
Scout Executive
Northwest Suburban Co.No.751

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Ned M. Harkness

Dear Art:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning Ned Harkness.

We have added this information to our file. This will be most helpful for identification purposes in the future, should he again try to register in Scouting.

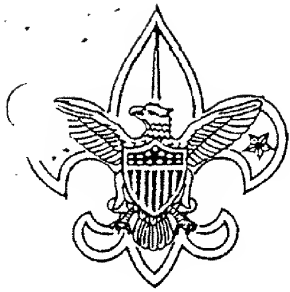
Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Manager
Registration & Subscription Service

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December 22, 1975

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration and Fulfillment Serv.
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, N. J. 08902

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is the confidential record sheet on Ned M. Harkness.
Supporting documents were mailed to National Registration
Service in November.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Allen
Scout Executive

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Encl.

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December 12, 1975

Mr. Arthur J. Allen
Scout Executive
Northwest Suburban Co. No. 751

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Ned Harkness
SM Troop 34

Dear Art:

Thank you for your letter of November 20, and the attached statements concerning Mr. Ned Harkness, Scoutmaster of Troop 34. This is exactly the type of information we require to support our action of placing this man on our file.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning as soon as possible. This will then enable us to identify this individual in the future, should we receive another application to register in Scouting.

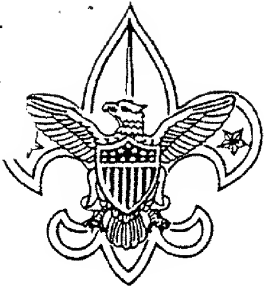
Sincerely,

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Encl.

Paul I. Ernst, Manager
Registration & Subscription Service

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November 20, 1975

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, N. J. 08902

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are materials requesting the resignation of Mr. Ned Harkness, a former Cubmaster of Troop 34 of Arlington Heights.

I will appreciate your guidance in providing necessary forms so that we may place Ned Harkness in the confidential file.

With kind good wishes.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Allen
Scout Executive

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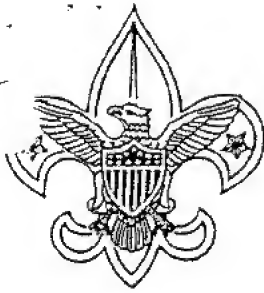
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The following signatures are included herein for the protection of privacy of formal complainants against the former Scoutmaster Ned Harkness.




The letters of complaint are numbered to correlate with the numbered signatures on this sheet. This signature sheet is to be sealed in a separate envelope and placed in a private document vault of the Boy Scout Council. The council legal officer, Scout Executive and Director of Field Service may on future occasions, if necessary, reveal certain portions to proper National Boy Scout representatives if the facts warrant the prevention of future registration of Mr. Harkness in Scouting.

Sincerely,

David L. Bishop

David L. Bishop
District Executive

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November 11, 1975

Mr. Ned Hartness
21975 Acushome
Lake Zurich, Illinois 60047

Dear Ned:

On this date the Committee of Scout Troop #34 has met to discuss continued potential concerns.

During the past several months the Committee has had a number of complaints concerning the Troop activities and its leadership. A thorough investigation of each complaint has left us in chaos. We, as a Committee, hereby request your immediate resignation as Commissioner.

We hereby request that all properties which belong in total or in part to Troop #34 be turned over immediately to the Committee Chairman.

As a Committee we most certainly appreciate and thank you for your past efforts and your numerous contributions to Scouting.

Sincerely,



Committee Chairman

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September 25, 1975

Northwest Suburban Council

Boy Scouts of America

Dear Sirs:

We submit this letter to call your attention to an incident which involved our son, who is a member of Scout Troop 34 in Arlington Heights, Illinois. The incident took place at the 1974 Napawon Summer camp.

On the second or third night, our son slept in the tent of his scout master, Ned Harkness. During the night, he was awakened and found a hand inside his sleeping bag down at his penis. Our son said he hit the hand and it was removed. He was sleeping on a cot next to Mr. Harkness.

As far as we know, this was the only incident involving our son.

Respectively:

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My son, during the Eagle Scout
Campout in 1974, slept with
to Scoutmaster Ted Karkness,
& during the ~~night~~ ^{morning hours} Mr. Karkness
put one hand in my son's
sleeping bag & proceeded to
tickles him. When I asked my
son what he did he said
"I slapped ^{him} down the mouth." - and
that ended it.



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Dear Sir,

We feel that it is necessary to bring to your attention the following facts that we have collected, in order to insure that the safety and well being of the present and future Boy Scout members of Troop 34 not be jepordized any more than, we feel, they already have been.

1. On several campouts in the past, Mr. Harkness has requested that certain boys sleep next to him (ex: [REDACTED] 1975; Eagle Cave-Winter 1975) after these same campouts several of these boys have quit the troop citing their reason for doing so as being that during the night the scout master reached into their sleeping bags to feel their sexual organ.
2. On the 2 week trip to Shin-Go-Beek (Summer 1975) Mr. Harkness had the habit of making early morning bed checks to make sure the boys were getting up. On numerous occasions he would sit on top of a boys sleeping bag so he couldn't move then put his hand inside the scout's sleeping bag and feel around, often in places he shouldn't. Many of the older and more experienced boys got wise to this and when they heard him coming around, would run out the back of the tent. On one occasion, when the scoutmaster tried to catch a boy running out of his tent he was elboed in the stomach and the scout proceded to run away. Mr. Harkness also suggested to the boys that they sleep in their underwear or naked because "it's warmer that way."
3. At one of the weekly Boy Scout meetings in 1975 their was a game night and one of the "games" was to see how fast a

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scout could take off and then put back on his clothes. Mr. Harkness became angry when several of the older boys refused to participate in this activity.

We feel that this is an outrage and we shudder to think how long this sort of thing has been going on. However, our only concern is that Mr. Harkness be immediately forced to resign his position as Scout Master and that the necessary steps be taken to insure that he is never able to lead another troop.

Anonymously yours,

Concerned Parents of Troop 34

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TROOP 34
SCOUT COMMITTEE

ARLINGTON HTS, IL.

THIS TO INFORM THE COMMITTEE THAT I AM MAKING A FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE TROOP 34 SCOUTMASTER, NED HARKNESS. THIS MATTER RELATES TO THE CAMPOUT ~~██████████~~ OCT. 31ST THRU NOV. 2ND AND CONCERNS IMPROPER BEHAVIOR BY MR. HARKNESS. MY SON RELATED WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED THE NITES OF OCT. 31ST AND NOV. 1ST. THE INCIDENTS INVOLVED THE SCOUTMASTER, AT BEDTIME, PUTTING HIS ARM INSIDE MY SON'S SLEEPING BAG. THIS DEVELOPED INTO A SITUATION IN WHICH MR. HARKNESS RUBBED ~~██████████~~ LEGS, CHEST, HIPS, AND PRIVATE AREA. THE DURATION OF TIME WAS ABOUT TWO MINUTES EACH NITE. CONTACT WAS MADE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE SHORTS ~~AND~~ WITH THE ~~AREA~~ ^{AREA} ON THE LEGS. MY SON SLEPT IN HIS SHORTS AND A SCHOOL SWEAT SHIRT.

THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT BY MY SON

"The first nite I was excited about the camping and I really liked Mr. Harkness."

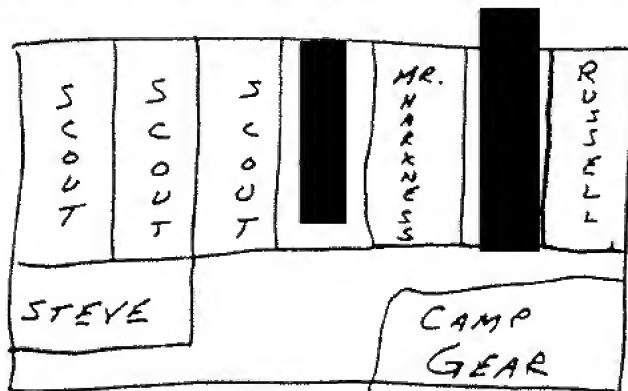
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"The first night when we were in the tent we were about to go to sleep but we didn't for about an hour. When Mr. Harkness was coming to bed I wanted to talk about the awards with him. Most of the scouts in the tent unrolled their sleeping bags and I was talking to Mr. Harkness. I was in my sleeping bag. Mr. Harkness unrolled his bag and right next to mine. Then he got into his sleeping bag. He scooted my bag next to his. He put his ~~right~~ left arm around my shoulder and as he talked to me he moved his hand downward. He touched my legs, privates, chest, and arm. He was holding me close to him." Then he stopped a little bit later "I did not like what Mr. Harkness did."

"The tent we were in was the large scout tent. There were six other boys besides myself in the tent. The following is how our tent was made up."



TENT

The second nite the troops and another troop played a game. The game finished and we were all very tired - we did a lot of running."

"I wanted to go to sleep but Mr. Harkness didn't want me to. He wanted me to go out and listen at the campfire. Different boys and ~~men~~ men were telling ghost stories. After the stories were over he gave us all a doughnut. Then we all bed-down. Most of the boys were asleep very soon."

"I was tired but Mr. Harkness kept me awake by talking about awards. I asked him about awards but I ~~wasn't~~ didn't expect him to talk that long." Again he scooted my sleeping bag next to his. He put his arm around me and did things like he did the nite before. He touched me in all the same places only it lasted a little longer this time." This nite Mr. Harkness layed between [redacted] and me."

[redacted]

I am asking that Mr. Harkness be removed from his position as Scoutmaster.

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Furthermore I insist that he be excluded from any position or affiliation with troop 34.

I hope that any future ^{scouting} activities he may attempt to be associated with ~~be~~ he closely scrutinized by the proper people.

